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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIAN SCHWARZ

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1. HARRY SCHWARZ MET WITH MISOFF MORNING SEPTEMBER 20. SCHWARZ REGRETTEED THAT HIS OWN SCHEDULE WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO CALL ON GOVERNOR SCRANTON, AS WE HAD HOPED, LATER IN DAY.

2. SCHWARZ WAS FAR MORE OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING PROSPECTS ON NAMIBIA THAN ON RHODESIA. HE BELIEVES THAT VORSTER HAS A FACE-SAVING DEVICE BY VIRTUE OF HAVING SAID THAT THE SOUTHWEST AFRICANS ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMING THEIR OWN DESTINY RATHER THAN HE, VORSTER. SCHWARZ FORESEES AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WHICH SWAPO AND THE TURNHALLE REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS OTHERS, COULD ATTEND.

3. SCHWARZ FEARS THAT WE WILL BE OVERLY HOPEFUL CONCERNING SMITH, THERBY FALLING INTO THE SAME OVER-OPTIMISM WHICH
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PLAGUED HAROLD WILSON. HE ADDED THAT EVEN WERE

SMITH TO AGREE TO MAJORITY RULE SOON, HE RISKED A RIGHTIST
COUP LED BY MILITARY AND VAN DER BYL.

4. TURNING TO SOUTH AFRICA, SCHWARZ MADE THREE POINTS:

A. FEW ADULT BLACKS WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDENT
DEMONSTRATIONS; THEREFORE, WE SHOULD NOT EXAGGERATE THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE LATTER.

B. BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE INCREASINGLY DISTRUSTFUL
OF NON-BLACK "LIBERALS", WHICH RISKS POSSIBILITY
THAT GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE EFFORT TO IMPRISON
WHITE "LIBERALS", CONFIDENT THAT THIS ACT WILL
OCCASION LITTLE FURTHER DISTURBANCE.

C. THERE IS A REAL THREAT OF A STEADY DRIFT TO
SOCIALISM IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS NOT UNDERSTOOD
WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THAT COUNTRY. HE PLANS TO SPEAK
WITH IBM AND FORD MOTORS HERE IN AN EFFORT TO GET THAT
POINT ACROSS.

5. SCHWARZ STATED THAT HE HAD RESERVATIONS OVER "PIK"
BOTHAS, BELIEVING NEVERTHELESS THAT HE WAS SHOOTING FOR
(AND WOULD GET) FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER'S JOB. LASTLY, HE
SAID THAT WERE HE IN POWER, SCHWARZ WOULD FOLLOW BUTHELEZI'S
CALL FOR A NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE.
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